## Scientific potential of universities for the practice

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The paper discusses the following issues and trends of the use of the scientific and intellectual potential of the higher schools in solving problems relevant to practice:

- 1. The significance of the use of the scientific and intellectual potential of the higher schools for economics as well as preparation and adoption of the efficient decisions. The role of social sciences with the view of social progress.
- 2. The influence of the International cooperation among scientists and universities upon preparation of scientific researches and projects. The involvement of the scientists of Mykolas Romeris University in the implementation of the scientific researches and projects.
- 3. The benefits of the preparation of scientific researches and projects towards the practice and study process.

To ensure closer International and local cooperation with national institutions, Mykolas Romeris University actively recruits new partners for scientific researches and study organization. International cooperation allows sharing own experience among different countries and developing application of successful innovative solutions. Foreign universities are key partners of International cooperation. The university cooperates with 36 higher schools from 14 countries under bilateral agreements only. In total, the university has concluded over 150 agreements with foreign universities, public administration and other institutions under various programs.

The university maintains close relations with national higher schools, business structures and state institutions as well. It has concluded cooperation agreements with many national universities and state institutions, including the Ministry of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania, the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania. It has concluded cooperation agreements with Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists, the Association of Lithuanian Trade Enterprises, etc.